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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 10 2004 016 015.5 filed on April 1, 2004. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates a hand-guided sander, a sander cradle, and a sander housing.

Page 1, cancel line 12 ("Advantages of the Invention") and substitute therefor:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, cancel line 18 ("Drawings") without prejudice.

Page 5, line 25 insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, cancel line 24 and substitute therefor:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 10, cancel the first paragraph in lines 1-18 and substitute therefor:

Starting from the tip 70 from which the symmetry axis 72 of the sanding plate 30 extends, the support point 76 can lie between the tip 70 and a center of mass 78 (Fig. 5 a). Alternatively, the support point 76 can lie between the center of mass 78 and a blunt end 74 of the sanding plate 30 (Fig. 5 b). In these two embodiments, each point on the sanding plate 30 or each sanding granule of a piece of sandpaper attached to the plate describes its own individual curved path. The movements of the sanding granules are largely elliptical, the size of the ellipses increasing with the distance from the sanding drive unit 16 (Fig. 3). But the ratio of their semiaxes changes constantly. Their greatest ratio

is found at the periphery of the sanding plate 30. In the arrangement in Fig. 5 a, the tip 70 of the sanding plate 30 moves on an elliptical path whose major semiaxis is oriented transversely in relation to the symmetry axis 72 of the sanding plate 30. In the arrangement according to Fig. 5 b, the tip 70 moves in the direction of the symmetry axis 72. Both embodiments have the advantage that the different movements at every point of the sanding plate 30 produce a very good sanding pattern. The arrangement according to Fig. 5 b has the additional advantage that the ellipse oriented in the direction of the symmetry axis 72 has very good properties for sanding in corners.